

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO  
EASTERN DIVISION**

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,**

**Plaintiff,**

v.

**Civil Action 2:23-cv-2813  
Judge Michael H. Watson  
Magistrate Judge Chelsey M. Vascura**

**JOSEPH EARL LUCAS, et al.,**

**Defendants.**

**ORDER**

Defendants Jeremy and Joie Carr have filed their Initial Disclosures under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(a)(1). (ECF Nos. 34–35.) The Court has not ordered Defendants to file these documents. Moreover, the parties have not utilized their initial disclosures in a court proceeding. The Court therefore **STRIKES** Defendants’ filings and **ORDERS** them to cease filing discovery documents until they are used in a proceeding or the Court orders otherwise. *Cf.* Fed. R. Civ. P. 5(d)(1) (“[D]isclosures under Rule 26(a)(1) or (2) and the following discovery requests and responses must not be filed until they are used in the proceeding or the court orders filing: depositions, interrogatories, requests for documents or tangible things or to permit entry onto land, and requests for admission.”). The Court notes, however, that striking these documents from the docket “does not prevent [them] from being effective.” *Valente v. Univ. of Dayton*, No. 3:08-cv-225, 2009 WL 2132631, at \*1 (S.D. Ohio, July 13, 2009).

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

/s/ Chelsey M. Vascura  
CHELSEY M. VASCURA  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE